

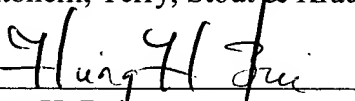
REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 23-28 are pending in this application. Claim 22 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to either place the instant application in condition for appeal or for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b) because the amendment simply place all claims either in condition for appeal or for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be in condition for appeal or for allowance. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney at the Washington DC area office at (703) 312-6600.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Applicants have submitted fees for the claims added by this Amendment. Please charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, No. 01-2135 (Application No. 219.36435X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

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